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the floor. At that time committee amendments were divided. The first two components, FA136, FA137 were adopted. I have pending, Mr. President, the third component to the committee amendments, FA138, that consists of line 24, page 1, and lines 1 through 12 of page 2. I do have an amendment to that component, Mr. President. (FA138, Legislative Journal page 1227.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Wehrbein, would you just take a minute, two at the most, just to kind of give us a lay of not only procedure but substantively where the bill is at.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. We are on LB 523 and specifically on committee amendments which the Agriculture Committee presented. The purpose of LB 523 is to allow Nebraska to join in the Southern Dairy Compact which I'll go into more detail later, but that's the title. The amendments are being proposed by the Agriculture Committee. We've done the first section and the second section. We're now on the third section. They changed the original bill a little bit in terms of the regulatory part of this, and where talking about revoking a permit of any milk handler granted under the Nebraska Manufacturing Milk Act or so forth; in other words, it's the regulatory side of this, to keep the enforcement of the rules and regulations as would...may be drafted by the compact. And that, in essence, is where we're at.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator. We're now debating the third portion of the committee amendments. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the third component of the committee amendments. (FA139, Legislative Journal page 1232.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, we're dealing with provisions being added to the bill that relate to punishments. It talks about the assessment of fines, the civil fine, and at another point the